

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**EMERSON, NEW JERSEY**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2011**

This meeting of the Emerson Environmental Commission was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, December 12, 2011. Chairman Worthington opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Clerk has notified all officially published newspapers of this meeting, and notice has been posted in the Municipal Office. In case of a fire, follow the Fire Exit signs above the doors to your right and left in Council Chambers, and please exit calmly.

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Richard Worthington – Present  
Ms. Margaret Boyce – Present  
Mrs. Patricia Dinallo – Absent  
Ms. Denise Lebrun – Present  
Mr. Peter Martin – Absent  
Ms. Jesse Maxon – Absent  
Mr. Tom Reilly – Absent  
Mr. Neil Schwab – Present  
Mrs. Lorraine Zoeller – Present – arrived at 8:40 pm  
Ms. Alexandra Reilly – Student Member – Absent  
Councilman Tom Browne – Present

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on October 26, 2011 by Mrs. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Schwab, and carried.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

A motion was made to open public session by Mrs. Boyce, seconded by Ms. Lebrun, and carried.

Ken Hoffman – 61 Emwood Drive – discussed the changes to the drainage on the application for the Armenian Home, and the applicant has agreed to meet with the Board of Education's engineer; if a C 1 waterway designation, the applicant needs DEP approval; proposed building will be built on an area that floods; concerned about the maintenance of the filtration system. At this time, Mr. Hoffman thanked Chairman Worthington for his services to the Commission over the years, and best wishes as a member of the Governing Body.

A motion was made to close public session by Mrs. Boyce, seconded by Ms. Schwab, and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Memo from Williams Gas Pipeline – dated 9/26/11 – Re: Application for permit  
Memo from Joe Scarpa – dated 12/1/11 – Re: Holiday events  
Memo from Joe Scarpa – dated 12/5/11 – Re: 2012 Budget requests  
Tank removal permit – dated 11/22/11 – Re: 46 Sanford Avenue  
Hackensack Tidelines – Fall 2011 edition

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Student Membership / Programs Committee – Student Essay Contest – Mrs. Boyce stated a meeting was held today with Joe Scarpa and Chairman Worthington – tentative date for the fair will be June 2, 2012 – looking to coordinate with the Recreation Commission – town wide fair, and will solicit local businesses as sponsors.
- Public Information – No report at this time.
- Development Issues – Chairman Worthington stated the Armenian Home application was discussed at the Land Use Board's meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup> – major issues are flooding, traffic, and the possible C 1 waterway designation.
- Pollution Control – Mrs. Boyce commented on bags of dog debris in Emerson Woods, and requested more containers.
- Wildlife Issues – No report at this time.
- Grant Availability – Councilman Browne stated mini grants maybe available for composting and community gardens – senior residents of the Borough might be interested.
- Farmers Market – No report at this time.
- Green Team – No report at this time.
- Bylaws – No report at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chairman Worthington stated the Emerson Woods cleanup was a huge success – 13 bags of trash – and will send thank you letters out to those who participated.

Chairman Worthington stated he has a person interested in serving on the Commission, and will forward this to the Governing Body.

Joan Martin Memorial Garden – Ken Hoffman stated a grant maybe available for this, and we may need a commitment from the Borough as to the maintenance of the garden.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Commission reviewed the proposed budget – the Secretary will submit as follows:

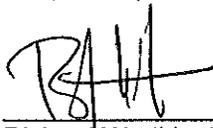
\$ 70.00 – Advertising  
 15.00 – Printing  
 45.00 – Office supplies  
 90.00 – Miscellaneous  
 100.00 – Student essay contest

**ADDED STARTERS:** None at this time.

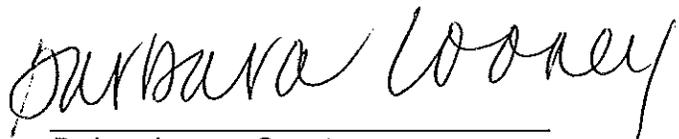
**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Zoeller, seconded by Mrs. Boyce, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Worthington, Chairman



Barbara Looney, Secretary